



NIDA NETWORKING PROJECT (NNP): For Interdisciplinary Dialogue and Research

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WHAT

The NIDA Networking Project (NNP) provides opportunities for information sharing and research collaboration among NIDA-supported networks across the United States. Encouraging a trans-network perspective, NIDA hopes that this project can generate new interdisciplinary collaborations.

WHY

With its potential for sharing infrastructure, data, expertise, and resources, networking provides several unique opportunities: To access critical populations; to provide more effective services to those most seriously affected by drug addiction; and to promote greater awareness and use of NIDA's research findings.

WHERE

NNP network sites are located in all States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. One NNP goal is to encourage local information exchange and collaborations among scientists, drug abuse practitioners, criminal justice researchers, and other drug abuse disciplines.

WHEN

A brainstorming meeting with network representatives in July 2006 identified specific suggestions for development by the NNP:

- NNP Website as a portal to network sites
- Training/mentoring programs across networks
- Themed meetings/journal articles on cross-network, cross-disciplinary collaborations
- Participation in other-network-sponsored meetings
- Case studies of collaborative projects

The NNP Website was launched in September 2007.

WHO

The NNP currently consists of 13 research networks, sponsored by NIDA alone or with Federal partners. These networks represent a broad range of focus and interest—including the epidemiology of drug use and addiction, clinical trials of behavioral and pharmaceutical interventions, drug abuse and related-HIV/AIDS prevention research in the laboratory and the community, and the basic genetics of addiction. NIDA has also invited addiction scientists to become part of Research Interest Groups (RIGs), which share a particular focus, such as neuroimaging. The networks and RIG's include:

- Clinical Trials Network (CTN)
- Community Epidemiology Work Group (CEWG)
- Criminal Justice-Drug Abuse Treatment Studies (CJ-DATS)
- Maternal Opioid Treatment: Human Experimental Research (MOTHER)
- Medications Development Centers (MDC)
- Multi-Site Prevention Trials (MPT)
- NIDA Genetics Consortium (NGC)
- Research Training and Career Development Programs (RTCDP)
- Sexual Acquisition and Transmission of HIV Cooperative Agreement Program (SATH-CAP)
- Transdisciplinary Prevention Research Centers (TPRC)
- Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Centers (TTURC)
- Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTC) - SAMHSA
- NIMH Outreach Partnership Program (OPP)
- Neuroimaging Research Interest Group (NIRIG)
- Health Disparities Research Interest Group (HDRIG) (NEW)
- Science Education Research Interest Group (SERIG) (NEW)

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